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PATENT

In the Application of:
SAVERIO CARL FALCO

CASE NO.: BB1167USCNT

APPLICATION NO.: 10/829,432

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

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EXAMINER: BUI, PHOUNG T.

CONFIRMATION NO.: 7009

CUSTOMER NO.: 23906

**FOR: GENES ENCODING SULFATE
ASSIMILATION PROTEINS**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, with respect to the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time for one (1) month up to and including September 15, 2005, is filed simultaneously herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following:

Amendments to Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks and Response to Restriction Requirement begin on page 6 of this paper.